Conservative Action Team

Policy Brief

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Fiscal Year 2001 Interior Appropriations Analysis & Review

By the Numbers:

Budget Authority in Millions of Dollars			
		FY '01	FY '01
	FY '00	Request	Committee Report
Current Year:	14,912	16,320	14,609
Advanced Funds:	36	36	36
Funds from Prior Years:	0	36	36
Net Increase in Advances:	36	0	0
FY 2000 Emergency:	0	0	350

The Committee provides a \$303 million or 2% decrease in current year funding. The Committee freezes advanced funding at \$36 million. The Committee also provides \$350 million in FY 2000 emergency funds to fight wildfires.

House 302(b): \$14,742 Senate 302(b): \$15,474

FISCAL MATTERS:

<u>Emergency Funding:</u> The bill provides \$350 million in Fiscal Year 2000 emergency funds for firefighting. The bill does not contain any Fiscal Year 2001 emergency funds. Last year, \$158 million was provided in emergency funding.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES & PROHIBITIONS:

FUNDING OF NOTE:

NEA: Frozen at least year's level of \$98 million.

NEH: Frozen at last year's level of \$115.26 million.

<u>Land Acquisition:</u> The major land acquisition accounts (BLM, USFWS, NPS, and USFS) total \$143 million, a decrease of \$102.5 million from last year's level.

Park Service Operations: \$1,425.6 million, an increase of \$61.9 million over last year.

<u>USF&WS:</u> \$861.9 million, a decrease of \$13.2 million from last year's level.

PILT: Frozen at last year's level of \$134.4 million.

<u>Dept of Energy, Energy Resource, Supply, and Efficiency:</u> \$1,139.6 million, an increase of \$25.9 million over last year.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF NOTE:

- <u>Columbia Basin:</u> None of the funds under the Act may be used to implement the Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project.
- <u>Kyoto Protocol</u>: None of the funds under the Act may be used to implement the Kyoto Protocol.
- <u>Presidentially Created National Monuments:</u> None of the funds under the Act may be used to design, plan, or manage Federal lands designated after 1999 as National Monuments under the Antiquities Act.
- <u>Jobs in the Woods:</u> Provisions limiting competition for watershed restoration projects as part of the Jobs in the Woods program in the Pacific Northwest.
 - Directs 80% of Jobs in the Woods funds provided by the Forest Service to the State of Washington.
- <u>American Heritage Rivers:</u> None of the funds under the Act may be used for personnel, training, or administrative activities for the American Heritage River program.
- <u>Charter Schools:</u> The bill continues provision included in last year's omnibus which prohibits the Bureau of Indian Affairs from using funding made available for BIA schools to be used to establish a charter school at a BIA school.
- <u>U.N. Biodiversity Convention:</u> The bill prohibits the Park Service from expending funds for activities taken in a direct response to the U.N. Biodiversity Convention.

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